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Editors go out with a bang

Williamson and McGrail off to bigger and better things

By Philip Oliver Hoale
SPECIAL TO THE VICE

After months of deliberation, not to mention countless hours of begging on the part of Professor Robert Walker, editor Danielle Williamson and managing editor Brendan A. McGrail have announced their plans to discontinue work on the *Student Voice* in order to pursue more rewarding endeavors.

The decision came after a rather unpleasant incident in which Williamson threatened to take a hostage if she received one more email from people who wanted to write "commentary" for the *Voice* next semester.

McGrail was able to subdue Williamson with a large injection of thorazine.

In response to the news of the editors' departure, students in the Sullivan Building were overheard asking, "Who? I didn't even know we had a paper."

According to Williamson, such response is indicative of the "insipid, vapid, puerile thinking of the students at this pseudo-college."

Through wave after wave of hysterical weeping, Walker expressed his concern about the future of the paper.

"What is the school to do now," cried Walker, following a sniffle and a deep blow into a well-used handkerchief. "They are the intellectual center of the Worcester State universe."

In front of a full class of students well into the REM sleep stage in an 11:30 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday period, Walker further explained that without the paper he would have no material for conversation in the faculty lounge. "I'll have to use the same boring anecdotes and crass, offensive jokes that everyone's already heard," he said.

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McGrail and Williamson during happier times (we think this was taken the day it was discovered that a record-breaking five people had read the *Voice*)

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We make fun of the Pen AGAIN! Even though most people don't know what the Pen is...

Student's lips found stuck to president's behind

By Eileen Dover
SPECIAL TO THE VICE

Paramedics rushed to the administration building yesterday, responding to calls about a serious lip injury on the second floor.

A student leader on campus, who, for obvious reasons, requested anonymity, was found with his lips stuck to President Kalyan K. Ghosh's behind.

"I've never seen anything like it," said EMT Susy Smothers. "I mean, I've heard of the term 'ass kissing,' but I never took it literally."

With the help of a small blowtorch, paramedics were able to pry the young man's lips off the president's behind in a matter of minutes. He was taken to UMass, and treated for minor injuries. His swollen lip is expected to heal in a week.

Witnesses say that the young man had intended to thank Ghosh, who will retire from the presidency in August, for his contributions to the college. The young man had in his possession an outline of a speech intended for Ghosh, as well as a plaque in the shape of Massachusetts.

A faculty member witnessed the accident occur. "He began reading from his extensive outline, when his face started getting closer and closer to the president's rear-end. Soon, his lips were stuck, and I immediately called an ambulance."

In the commotion, the young man dropped the outline. "I'm sure at that time, it was the least of his priorities," said a fellow student, who recovered the outline, and turned it over to *The Vice*.

The outline appeared to be the result of years of what one student called "sucking up."

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Voice editors vow to make the paper with no gramatical erors or speling missteaks

So, it's my last editorial of the year, and maybe the last one of my Worcester State College career. But just in case I'm back here next year, I'd like to make a few resolutions, after having taken into consideration some of the letters we've received this year.

It seemed to be a major issue with some people if spelling and grammar wasn't always perfect. I thought it was painfully ironic when, in my "plea for writers" next year, I wrote that people "right" articles instead of "write" articles. Haha! So, I'm done with that. No more spelling mistakes, no more grammatical mistakes; everything that goes into this paper is going to be of the utmost quality.

My excuse in the past for having an occasional spelling mistake here and there has been that we're all not perfect. However, I've realized that excuse doesn't hold with me. I am perfect! Therefore, if you see a mistake in the paper, know it's not my fault.

Aditionally, we're going to devote three payjes to gosip columms, advise columms, and coloring. That's write. I'm going to draw sumthing every week so you can color it in. I've reelized that lotsa people ain't reading stuf in the paper, so I thot if I made a coloring book type thingie, at least may be you'd color and that wood get you to pik up the paper and see what's in it. I only aks one thing: in the words of the teechers you probaly had as seenyors in high skool, just tri to color in the lines.

Oh, and all the articles will be written in really big words. Not long words, don't worry. BIG WORDS. Big fonts. Just like this.

Another thing I'm all gung-ho about is pictures. I really didn't like the fact that we had so few pictures in the paper, that in the last issue, we threw a picture of ourselves on the front page. That's pretty sad. So, I am buying a digital camera Next semester, we'll have two pages of pictures in each issue. Even if they have nothin to do with any of the stories.

The president of the student government ass ociation insists that the paper was better when John Brown III was editor. Maybe he's right. Therefore, I've made arrangements for John NOT to graduate this year. I've concocted a rather brilliant scheme that will ensure he's here for at least 5 more years—or by the time the SGA president graduates.

So, though I plan for John Brown III to reassume kontrol of the paper, I will give him some helpfull hints. I really think that I've learned a lot this semester about what the student body wants, and I will certainly pass along what I've learned to John. Ultimately, I think you people want sex and scandal—and lots of it. So, I hope that's what we'll give you. Lots of sex and lots of scandal. "Interesting" stuff. Real page-turners. We don't care if the stuff's true. It'll be interesting!

I think every one wil be wicked excited to see the paper next year. You'll be in for a reel treat. Maybe SGA will up our funding. I'm aiming to get as much money as the Third World Alliance!

That really horrible excuse for a comic, Leold, usually goes in this spot, but not for this issue. The *Vice* staff holds itself to a higher standard than the *Voice* staff.

The Student Vice of Worcester State College

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VICE FACTOID:

Ghosh's bum can fit the lips of all the SGA members at the same time.

Ann Lancers Advice Column

Dear Ann Lancers,
I'm not a student at Worcester State College, but I'm thinking of becoming one. I went to an open house a couple weeks ago, and couldn't believe how beautiful the campus was! There were flowers planted everywhere. I think it's really great that WSC keeps up with gardening, and if I'm a student next year, I think I'd like to help. Do you know how I can do this?
-Susie

Dear Susie,
Sorry, but those flowers you saw on the day of the open house were only there for that day. We were just trying to make the college look better. The day after the flowers had been planted, they were all removed and put back in the greenhouse. There are really big budget cuts, you know.

Dear Ann Lancers,
I'm graduating in May with a degree in communications, but don't have any ideas for a job yet. Can you point me in any direction?
—Student

Dear Student,
As you prepare to embark on your journey away from Worcester State College, let me remind you how insignificant your degree really is. Good luck to you.

Dear Ann Lancers,
I'm thinking of stealing some sound equipment from the gym. I attended a few basketball games in the winter, and really enjoyed listening to the warm-up tape. Do you know when the best time is to steal stuff?
—Sneaky

Dear Sneaky,
I wouldn't bother trying. The last students who tried stealing speakers were caught. And that's kind of humiliating, don't you think?

Dear Ann Lancers,
I'd like to write for the paper, but I've heard the editor is related to Dianne Williamson, that local bigotress of a columnist. If this is true, should I let it interfere with my desire to help out?
—Rigid Olman

Dear Rigid Olman,
I've heard that Danielle is just as opinionated as her semi-famous aunt. Consider that while making your decision.

Dear Ann Lancers,
I like writing, but I fear criticism. This, and personal problems, has kept me from contributing to the Student Voice. Any suggestions on how I can get over my fear of rejection?
—Spacey

Dear Spacey,
Why don't you try writing for the State Pen? Other than the Voice mentioning the "underground paper" in virtually every issue, no one really knows it exists. Plus, no one there knows a thing about journalism, so your article can't possibly be edited. Good luck.

Dear Ann Lancers,
I still haven't won the Ken Brissette award. Every year, they give it to a student leader who's been active for four years, when it's supposed to be for the student who was most active THAT YEAR. I think I'm going to cry. What can I do?
—James White XXXIV

Dear James White XXXIV,
Get over it. Just because you continuously lost the competition for the Ken Brissette Award doesn't mean you're any less of a human being. The fact that you're this upset about it makes you less of a human being. Don't cry.

Dear Ann Lancers,
I'm the advisor to a newspaper at a state college in the Central Massachusetts area. I fear that the current editor of the paper may leave me in a lurch next semester by quitting. What can I do to make her stay?
—The good doctor

Dear Good doctor,
Lots and lots of money, or a scholarship would probably do the trick.

Attention all students: Due to budget cuts, there've been some changes in next fall's course schedule. Danielle Williamson, not Dianne Williamson, will be teaching a journalism course. John Brown III will teach all MWF Women's Studies courses, and Brendan A. McGrail will be teaching Psychology of the Ego. The administration hopes that these changes haven't caused too many problems. Have a great summer, and see you in the fall!

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College motto changed

By Pat McGroin
SPECIAL TO THE VICE

Worcester State College announced yesterday that it would be changing it motto from the current ""Believe, Achieve, Conceive" to a more reasonable ""Why not? It's cheap." The change comes in the wake of a slew of derisive comments to the school on the inaccuracy of the former motto.

"Seriously, who did they think they were kidding with that motto," said Worcester resident Bill Rogers. "I mean we all know you're not going to achieve anything from Worcester State."

Rogers' comments are typical of the area's feelings toward Worcester State. Another local resident, after hearing the former motto, was reduced to tears after an uncontrollable laughing fit.

In a related story, Worcester State College President, Kalyan K. Ghosh reported that he had changed the "president's message" on the website from "Students Come First" to "Money Comes First."

"These sheep all think I care about students," Ghosh said while gnawing on a Slim Jim and counting another paycheck from the state, this one for a job that doesn't even exist. "I was just getting into the this for the money. Who have guessed I could make even more by 'retiring.' Their going to pay me for two jobs, and I won't be doing either one," he added with a grin.

The head of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education was overheard saying, "It's just about getting him out of that office. We can't understand a word he says. Just pay him whatever he asks!"

According to several members of the board, discussions with Ghosh have been fraught with malapropisms and neologisms that they have come to refer to his speech as "Kalyanese." Negotiations with Ghosh have discovered the possibility of bilingual education at Worcester State adopting the new language.

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"Dr. Ghosh, I love what you've done for our institution," the outline read. "I especially like the wonderful track facility. I don't really use it, because I don't run, but I know lots and lotsa people who do. (insert comment about how nice his tie looks here)."

"(The young man) has been waiting for this moment," said a friend. "He hopes that Ghosh will be able to help him get a job that he might otherwise have difficulty attaining."

Ghosh has been the subject of much debate within the college and the state. Many people disagree with his decision to remain an employee of the college—especially because he'll be receiving a presidential sum in the face of a monstrous budget cut.

But the young man stayed a strong supporter of Ghosh, coming to his defense at every opportunity.

"In a meeting of our organization, he suggested that we develop a "Gosh Ghosh is Great" campaign. It didn't bode well with most of the members, but he's still all for it," said another student leader.

The young man could not be reached for comment. A *Vice* reporter tried to talk to him yesterday, but he hopped in his car and drove away.

A "Ghosh is good" bumper sticker was seen on his car.

New class schedule approved

By Craven Moorehed
SPECIAL TO THE VICE

The Worcester State College board of trustees has approved a new class schedule for Lancerland. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education also endorses this new schedule and curriculum, calling it innovative and creative thinking.

In the Fall of 2002 WSC will put this program into affect. Classes will begin taking place Monday through Thursday at 11:30 p.m. and run until 3:30 a.m. This will allow students to sleep in and make plans for the evening prior to attending classes. Each professor will be given an adequate supply of beer for those students over 21 or with a quality fake ID. For those non-drinkers in the crowd, a fresh supply of Marijuana will be grown in the greenhouse atop the Kalyan K. Ghosh building. Ghosh will not be given access to this area for fear he will sell school property to retain funding for the new dorms. The new dormitory will be named the K. Ghosh relaxation area so as not to be confused with the Kalyan K. Ghosh Center for Science and Technology Building.

Many classes will also have water jugs available, ice and music playing for those students who prefer to "roll" on E. The Biotech department will manufacture this product so have no fear it will be of the highest quality and purity. Just imagine Chartwell's producing a psychotropic drug; this lab product will be of the same consistency ad quality.

New classes for the fall will include relaxation and sleeping techniques, feeling paranoid and unwanted PS410 this will be taught by the Psychology Department. Those who have the department chair this semester have already experienced this class since the professor is hardly ever in attendance how to maintain a glowstick's glow 101. This new class will be done in the chemistry labs in the Kalyan K. Ghosh Building. It has been rumored that a number of new dishes will be available at the all night buffet for those of you that take the old fashioned way and just show up stoned to class. A wide variety of Lays potato chips will be on hand as well as many Hostess products. Nothing says "I am too stoned to enjoy class" like a Twinkie.

A new class to be offered by the Philosophy department will be Zobmondo 410. This class will be for seniors only and at any given moment a class member may be asked to perform the topic the they have chosen as what they would rather do.

Students should also know that Friday will be recovery day. The school has hired a new health services staff. This staff will be providing, plenty of water and aspirin. Beds will be made available for those students found wandering the campus.

There will be nightly contests for free food or bathroom privileges. "Don't break the seal" is expected to be one of the highlights of every evening. There is one downside to this new schedule, all contests will be videotaped and if you lose the tape will be sent to not only your family, but also your current employer.

So Worcester takes the millennium by storm with this new and innovative "student's first" curriculum. If Ghosh had done this earlier maybe he could have created the position he was looking for.

In the news at Worcester State College

"Best College" award revoked

Worcester Magazine recently revoked Worcester State College's "best college" award after realizing it had made a rather embarrassing mistake.

The WSC public relations department proudly announced last week that WSC had been chosen as Worcester's "best college." This week, a campus-wide email is planned to explain to students that unfortunately, because of an editing error, WSC really won "worst college." The College of the Holy Cross will reassume its position in Worcester as "best college."

"This like, wicked sucks," said one WSC student. "We were, like, so psyched about WSC getting this award."

Worcester Magazine conducts its "Best of Worcester" poll every year, in which numerous people, places and establishments are honored with a neat little plaques or certificates.

A Worcester Magazine editor thoroughly apologized for the magazine's mistake. However, he was surprised that "such a big deal" was made out of it.

"We are deeply sorry to have excited undeserved pride on the WSC campus," he said. "Our error was indeed a foolish one. But c'mon, don't you think people would be a little bit suspicious if WSC had really won 'best college?' Really, now…"

This Bud's for crew!

In the light of a spectacular performance at the 2002 New England Rowing Championships, finishing 41st out of 41 competitors, the Worcester State College Crew Team was offered a sponsorship from Anheiser Busch Corporation.

Another deciding factor for the company was the presence of beer cans in the crew office after a team meeting. While the administration at Worcester State may have frowned slightly, Busch was beaming with pride.

" Some athletes decide not to drink on school grounds for fear of expulsion," August Bush III said. "It's good to see that this crew team doesn't have that much sense."

Prof. gets propositioned one time too many

English professor Dennis Quinn has decided to take a leave of absence because too many middle-aged women have tried to pick him up. Sources say that the women who crowd his desk at the end of class and fight over who should talk to him first, have made it difficult for him to teach. Quinn will resume teaching in the spring of 2003.

TSV editor freaks out

Student Voice editor Danielle Williamson was arrested last week for disorderly behavior. After receiving numerous calls, campus police rushed to the *Voice* office, where Williamson was found breaking and throwing everything in sight. "I can't take this anymore!" she said, as she broke a stapler over Managing Editor Brendan A. McGrail's head.

Sources say that Williamson "just lost it" after finding out that the campus radio station, WSCW, beat the *Voice* out for "Best Media Organization" at the college.

Pub employee drinks the profits

A bartender at the Worcester State College pub, One Lancer Place, was fired after her superiors learned that on the closing night of the pub, she was more intoxicated than the customers she was serving. The bartender will challenge her bosses' decisions, but little evidence points against her being ridiculously drunk.

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McGrail offered his condolences to both readers of the *Voice*, who are unfortunately graduating this year anyway.

"Just knowing that two papers would be read made this crazy thing worth while," McGrail said. "But without the two of them, we'll have zero readership. It makes no sense to stay."

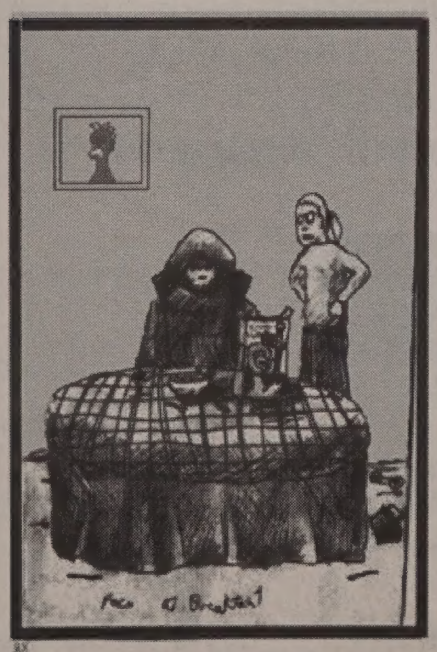
Williamson, who was nearly-unavailable for comment, expressed different concerns. "If you come anywhere near me with that tape recorder," she said. "I will have to castrate you." That said, Williamson reloaded her shotgun and walked off in the general direction of the SGA office. No casualties had been reported at the time of printing.

The news of Williamson's shotgun sent SGA President Josh Katz running off toward the Administration Building.

"Just keep her away from me," Katz shouted in a high-pitched squeal. "I'll tell President Ghosh."

McGrail, who was in the process of counting bail money from the *Voice* coffers expressed his happiness that the paper was finally done.

"I think this change will be good for Danielle," he said.



PACO AT BREAKFAST

PACO WOKE UP THAT MORNING INTO THE SOLID MATRIX - LIKE REALITY OF CONSUMERISM AND AMBIGUITY .. COMING STEADFAST DOWN THE STAIRS , HE BRAVELY ACCEPTED HIS FATE THAT DAY AND SAT HEADLONG INTO A PLAIN MEAL OF FLAKES AND MILK . FACING HIM RIGHT IN FRONT WAS AN ABOMINATION OF CEREAL PRODUCTS WITH OBNOXIOUS NUTRITION INFORMATION LABELS AND COMMERCIALY - HYPED CELEBRITIES GRACING THE COVERS OF VARIOUS CEREAL BOXES . — HIS MOM EXCITEDLY TOLD HIM HOW THERE WERE DIFFERENT " BIG BIRD " SESAME STREET CHARACTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD , " DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU LIVED " SHE ADDED , AS HE IGNORED HIS MOM AND TRIED TO MUNCH ON HIS COLD , STALE FLAKES ...

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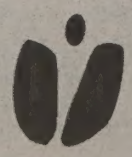

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Worcester State College may not have a *Student Voice* next year.

I simply don't feel like trying to make this paper the unifying force on campus it could be.

I want to throw in the towel; I really do. I hate writing. I hate editing. And I hate the obnoxious, puerile feedback that so often floods my mailbox.

The hours I've spent working on this paper every weekend—often times, alone—piss me off. Those are hours that I can't get back.

I know what I've done wrong. I've ostracized myself from this campus; I've stayed locked away in the Voice office, and I've refused to "get to know" anyone. Ultimately, I don't want to hear your voices. I couldn't care less. They aren't my own.

I haven't tried hard enough to recruit. Big, shiny objects as reward for writing an article probably would have been better incentive than those cheesy blue t-shirts.

How about the incentive of being part of an organization that is incapable of earning respect and prestige on this campus?

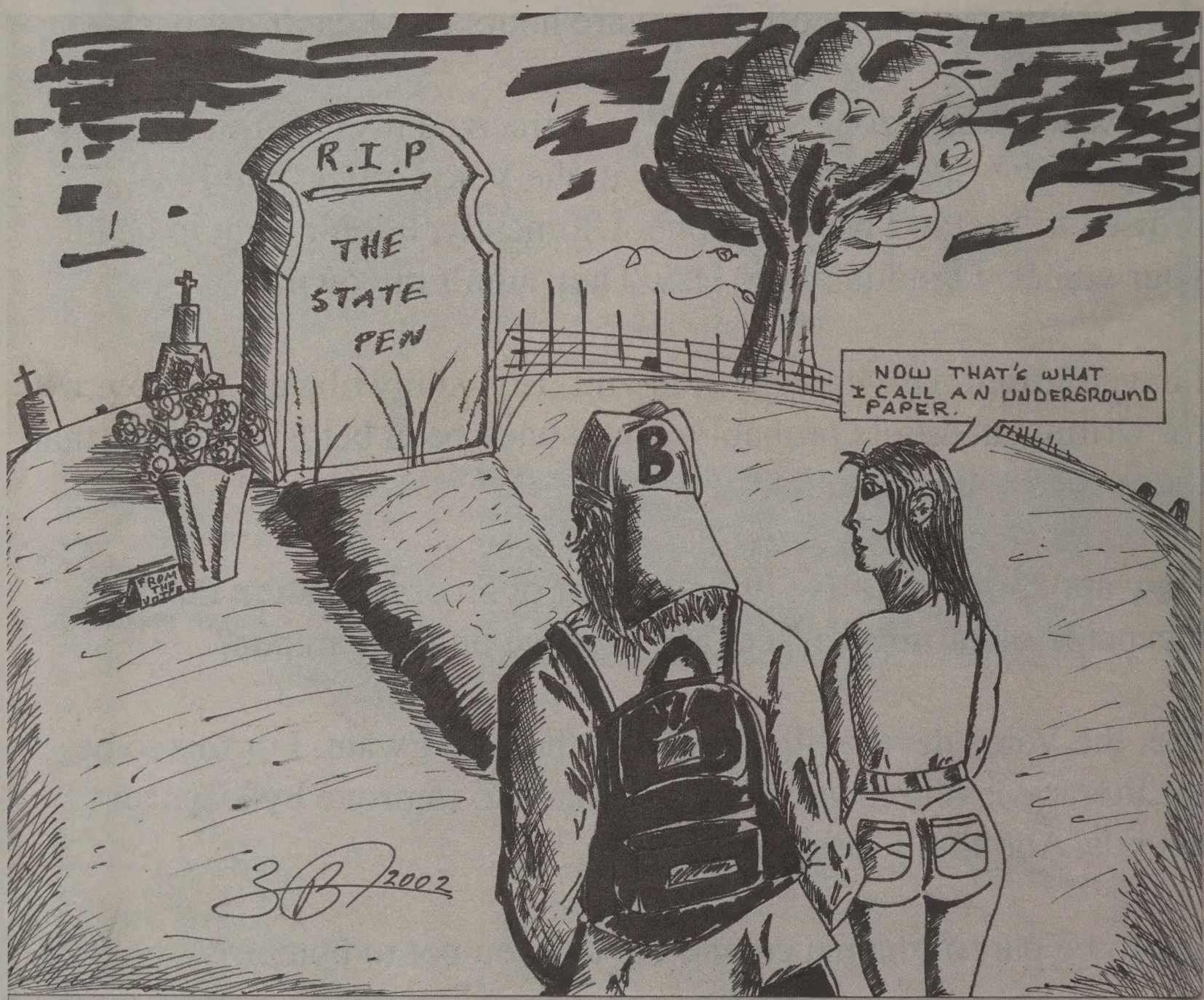
See, the Voice never will succeed in the way I want. For this to be, the literacy level on campus would have to improve by leaps and bounds. And that's rather unrealistic.

Try to be part of the paper, and I'll tell you not to bother.

But, if I have 169 regularly contributing staff members next semester (excluding the editorial board), the show will go on. If not, well….maybe the SGA can distribute our budget funds to that anti-war club or something.

This is my plea. Simply stated, I don't want your help. If you show interest, I might be forced to stay.

Below is another comic making fun of the State Pen! Haha! It's kind of silly for me to print it because the Pen doesn't really seem to exist anymore anyway. Too bad. Maybe the *Voice* and the Pen can commit a joint suicide. It'd be so Romeo and Juliet-esque.



In the last issue of the Voice, State Pen creator Matt Manter was very upset that we printed a comic that ridiculed his paper. "Get over yourself," he wrote on a letter posted to the office door. My reply: I think I'm just about over myself....now.